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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. annual interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book is necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, JOHN WALTER, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, July 7, 1887.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—M. GROTE.

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London BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit, Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted in London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,

Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 26, 1887.

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## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr. GEORG THEODOR SIEMSEN in our Firm ceased on the 24th December, 1886, and that of Mr. PAUL GERHARD HUBBE on the 31st December, 1886.

Mr. JACOB RUFF has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuratum from this date.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong and China, 14th February, 1887.

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THE SHANGHAI MARINE ENGINEERS' MUTUAL INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SUB-AGENT at this Port for the above SOCIETY.

By Order of the Directors,

JOHN W. KINGHORN,

17, Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 16, 1887.

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## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General MEETING of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be held in the GYMNASIUM on THURSDAY NEXT, the 26th instant, at 5.30 p.m.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Hon. Secretary, VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. Hongkong, May 19, 1887.

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CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewelers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEUR'S CELESTIAL BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RITZER'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES.

ADMIRALY & IMPRIMERIA CHARTS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

CHRISTIE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY,

in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

PUNJAM AND SUNGHEE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HOTEL IS GENTLYLY LOCATED, 5 MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887.

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ROBERT LANG & CO., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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EX LATE ARRIVALS.

OUR SPRING STOCK OF

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS and COLLARS,

UNDERSLETS,

PANTS and HALF-HOSE,

BOOTS and SHOES,

CHRISTY'S FELT, TERAI and STRAW HATS,

UMBRELLAS,

HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.

Hongkong, April 6, 1887.

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W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NEW GOODS:

Ladies' Department.

Gentlemen's Outfitting.

Furnishing Department.

New SHEETS.

New BONNETS.

New COLLARS.

New FLOWERS.

New FEATHERS.

New GARTERS.

New WINGS.

New LACES.

New RIBBONS.

New SILK GLOVES.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES.

Victoria EXCHANGE, April 13, 1887.

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# THE CHINA MAIL

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## Notices to Consignees.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP SACHSEN,  
FROM BREMEN AND PORTS  
OF CALL.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LTD., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo from NEW YORK &c &c. *Fulds and Ens*, has come forward by this Steamer.

OPTIONAL CARGO will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 19th Inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 26th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 31st May, at 4 p.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 2nd June, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1887. 940

STEAMSHIP ANADYR.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARTIRES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, C. Antwerp and Havre, ex S.S. India and Roman, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY's West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd Inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, May 13, 1887. 909

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOUBARABAYA, SAMARANG,  
BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND  
SAIGON.

THE Company's S.S. *Borneo*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY's West Point Godown, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd Inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 16, 1887. 925

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Bellarus*, Captain G. Clark, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 958

## To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW  
CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW  
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
Patroclus.

Capt. THOMPSON will be  
despatched as above at

p.m. TO-MORROW, the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 962

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND  
BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer  
Emerald.

Captain P. HAY, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd Inst., at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 963

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship  
Emerald.

Captain TAYLOR, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on MONDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 967

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Unincorporated BANKS

will be CLOSED for the Transaction of  
Public Business on TUESDAY NEXT, the 22nd Instant.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of  
India, London and China.

JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Ho-chong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation.'

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'  
J. ARRANGER,  
Acting Agent.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation,  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 966

LUBECK FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

The Undersigned having been appointed  
GENERAL AGENTS for the above Com-  
pany are prepared to accept RISKS against  
FIRE at Current Rates.

SCHEEBLE & CO.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 961

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Oxfordshire*, Captain G. P. T. Tones, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

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RUSSELL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1887. 958

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 19, 1887:

Giltland, British steamer, 1,000, M. Rob-  
inson, Saigon May 15, Paddy and Rice—  
Woo Kee.

May 20—

Aston, German steamer, 398, E. Acreb-  
ach, Port and Harbour—May 18, General—  
WILSON & CO.

Glauchau, German sir., 916, Schulte,  
Penang May 8, and Singapore 12, General—  
SIN-LON MAN.

Emerald, British steamer, 395, G. A.  
Taylor, Manila May 18, General—RUSSELL &  
CO.

Patagon, British steamer, 1,768, Jas.  
Rowley, Nagasaki May 15, Coal & General—  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Guthrie, British steamer, 1,564, G. S.  
Green, Melbourne May 19, Sydney 30, Coo-  
town 6, and Thursday Island 8, Coal and  
General—REINHOLD & CO.

Decima, German steamer, 965, P. Oest-  
mann, Bangkok May 8, Rice—EDWARD  
SCHEIBLASS & CO.

Fidèle, German steamer, 892, H. Brock-  
man, German Steamer May 19, General—  
MAN. HORN.

Patroclus, British steamer, 1,336, Thom-  
son, Liverpool April 8, General—BUTTER-  
FIELD & SWINE.

China, German steamer, 665, T. P. Ul-  
demp, Bangkok May 8, and Koh-chang  
15, Rice—MELCHERS & CO.

Taros Paul, Russian steamer, 1,193  
Twandoeky, Odessa April 13, General—  
MELCHERS & CO.

Mount Lebanon, American barque, 550,  
Oliver H. Nelson, Bangkok via Koh-chang  
April 15, General—ARNHOLD, KIR-  
BERG & CO.

Albany, British steamer, 1,432, E. Porter,  
Savion May 15, Rice and Paddy—ADAM-  
SON, BELL & CO.

OLKAED:

Glenstanes, for Shanghai.

Actie, for Haiphong.

Dafda, for Haiphong.

Proteus for Singapore.

Hongkong Observatory, May 20, 1887. 926

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

GENERAL WERNER, Germ. sir., Capt. W.  
von Schuchmann—Melchers & CO.

MOUNT LEBANON, Amer. barque, Capt. C.  
H. Nelson—ARNHOLD, KIRBERG & CO.

WAGHORN, American ship, Capt. C.  
Oakland—Order.

THE CHINA MAIL.

## DEPARTURES.

May 21—

Vietnam, for Saigon.

Port Augusta, for Saigon.

Port, for Haiphong.

China, for Gouraudia (Cebu).

Port, for Amoy, Johore and Kub-

Paunder, for Swatow and Chao-

Sachae, for Shanghai.

General Weller, for Yokohama.

Patroclus, for Shantung.

Spa, for Yokohama.

Pembroke, for Shanghai.

Port Cameron, for Shanghai.

PASSENGER'S

ARRIVALS.

Per Giltland, from Saigon, 80 Chinese.

Per Emeralda, from Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per Agusta, from Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per Goliath, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Foray, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Hera, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Hesperus, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Icarus, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Iolaus, from Sydney, 32 Chinese.

Per Iphigenia, from Saigon, 80 Chinese.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

expenses shall be apportioned by the Board between the different owners of such group of contiguous tenements.

65. "If any building be without a sufficient drain, and if a public sewer of sufficient drain size be within one hundred feet of the premises, or if the boundaries of the lot on which such building is situated and if such public sewer be on a lower level, it shall be lawful for the Board to require the owner of such building to connect with such public sewer by means of a proper drain adequately trapped and ventilated to the satisfaction of the Board."

66. "The floor of every area and the basement floor of every building adjoining an area floor, shall be properly enclosed paved, or covered over with a material which will not contain lead, and which the floor of such area shall have a fall from the external wall of such building, towards the face of the hill-side of at least half an inch to the foot."

67. "Every area shall be kept at all times free and unobstructed by structures of any kind other than flights of steps, not shall such areas be roofed in, or covered over with glass or other material. Every area shall be provided with suitable parapet wall, or iron-rolling or fence along its upper edge."

If defects sought to be remedied were defects according to the existing laws we would heartily endorse the adoption of these regulations, but for the present, and as a general act, but nothing to this effect is contained in the Bill, and many whose property is in accordance with present laws will give under this Bill, if passed as it stands, to carry out its provisions at great loss to themselves, for Clause 62 provides that "All works connected with the construction, connexion, piping and ventilating of house drains, shall be carried out at the cost and charges of the owner of the house, either by the Board, or by persons approved of by the Board, under the supervision of the latter" he would propose the addition of clauses to the effect that "where existing drainage, &c., is in accordance with the requirements of the law before the passing of this Bill, any alterations required by this Bill shall be carried out at the cost and charges of the owner."

In Section 22, we would propose the substitution of "and to provide a sufficient and proper substitute therefor" instead of "or to provide, &c." We trust the Board will not only enforce the provisions of the Bill when passed against private property but will see that the public drainage system is also carried out thoroughly and well. For without reform of our present drainage system the alterations otherwise proposed will be nullified. We also entertain the hope that sundry minor sanitary matters will be looked after and regulated and that such anomalies as are at present seen, such as midday roadswearing or rather dusting and roadwatering in many whether will be seen.

The Attorney-General in his speech at the Committee on the Health Bill, was introduced, referring to clause 81, and to clause 8 of schedule B, which provide for "300 cable feet of clear internal space" to each adult, said that "if this were put into force, and carried out strictly at once, it is calculated it would turn out about 20,000 people, therefore it is not intended to carry it out at once, but by bit." We wonder the hon. gentleman with his legal mind did not demand that this should be stated in the Bill, for we have looked in vain for any guarantee to this effect. Why not provisions to this effect incorporated in the Bill? It speaks little for the legal training of the members of the Ordinance that an amendment to the Ordinance of 1852, and one not even proposed by the Attorney-General was entertained by them. We heartily welcome clause 15, section 19, by which the Board will have power to make by-laws in regard to "the maintenance of cleanliness in the harbours of Victoria, the waters of the Colony, and the foreshores thereof;" also clause 3, section 16, by which any vessel or boat lying within the waters of the colony is defined as "primes." We trust that under the working of these clauses the present anchoring of sampans, &c., near foreshores will be forbidden and the consequent deposit thereon of foul waste matter, which send forth vile odour and noxious gases at low tide, will cease. It will then be possible to walk from the foreshore of the colony without having practically to pass through Otago and its seedy districts. As far as we can see, after a careful perusal of the Bill, no exception can be taken to the regulations regarding "new buildings"—that is buildings erected after the passing of this Bill. And we believe it will be found that the Bill will be unopposed by the Chinese, my heartily supported, if the modifications we have indicated should be adopted. The provisions as to new buildings will interfere with all, if we trust it will be, the Bill will probably be translated into Chinese and made public.

We should like much to hear more details as to the demolishing of public buildings, which are mentioned. But this again cannot be carried out without compensation (owing to past short-sighted legislation). Compensation might be effected in three ways (1.) by grants of additional land (2.) by money payment or (3.) By partial remission of taxes for a limited period.

With the alterations suggested we wish the Bill and its promoters success in their work and trust that a sufficient and capable staff of officers will be found to rigidly enforce its provisions. Then we may hope to see Hongkong daily becoming healthier instead of the opposite, and be able to say with the Attorney-General: "We can prolong life and keep sickness and disease from our doors."

**LABOR OMNIA VINCIT.**  
(One contributed makes up one of the double columns in the Blue book.)  
He will strew these figures again, he will find, we think, that though the increase in the rates has been gradual to a certain extent, the rate fluctuates too much to count upon 8.29 as a permanent increase.—Ed. "O.M.V.")

**THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.**  
The following highly interesting resume of the proceedings at the Imperial Conference are taken from the "Sydney Morning Herald," brought on by the "Globe":—

London, April 19.—The sitting of the Imperial Conference was resumed to-day. The question relating to postal communication between England and the colonies was the first subject discussed. With the consent of the delegations, Sir Henry Holland invited the attendance of Mr. Henricker Heaton, who addressed the Conference at some length upon the Postal question. Mr. Heaton asked to be allowed five days to prepare a scheme embodying a proposal for a cheap fortnightly mail service between England and Australia by the Canadian and Pacific route. The delegations were almost unanimously of opinion that the colonies would not consent to a penny postage system. The Colonial Governments were unwilling to sacrifice the revenue derived from the existing system.

Sir Granville Baring and Sir Samual Griffith suggested that it might be possible to make a reduction in the charge for letters 6d. via Brindisi, with 3d. or 4d. as the direct steamer rate.

Mr. Cecil Raikes, the Postmaster-General, announced that, until the convention with France and Italy was signed, all mails would be sent via Brindisi.

The Colonial delegates consider that it would be premature at the present time for the colonies to join the Postal Union, and they consider that it would be better to leave the Agents-General of the different Colonies to negotiate in the matter. At the same time, it is urged that the Colonies should have an adequate representation on any commission that may be formed on Postal matters.

The delegates expressed surprise that the Imperial Conference had adopted a military defence for Australia, likely to result in fresh proposals being brought forward by the Imperial representatives at the Conference.

The Australian delegates are preparing jubilee addresses for presentation to her Majesty the Queen.

London, April 21.—At to-day's sitting of the Imperial Conference, the question of the military defence of King George's Sound was discussed. Considerable divergence of opinion was manifested between the Imperial and Colonial representatives, and no understanding was arrived at. The Australian delegates declared that the question was an Imperial one, and that the colonies were along affected, and ought to bear the whole expense. Her Majesty's Government would, he said, be prepared to supply the canon not required elsewhere, with the means of Mr. Henricker Heaton.

The form upon which Australia and the Cape Colonies would be prepared to enter into the Postal Union. The question of contracts for the conveyance of mails between England and the Colonies, was also discussed, and a division of the same into four parts, viz.—1. The question of the establishment of an Imperial penny postage as concurred with the views of Mr. Henricker Heaton. 2. The form upon which Australia and the Cape Colonies would be prepared to enter into the Postal Union. 3. The question of contracts for the conveyance of mails between Great Britain and Australia. 4. The reduction of the mail charges between the Continent of Europe and the Colonies generally. The proposals recently formulated by Mr. Henricker Heaton were then submitted to the Conference, together with remarks thereon by Mr. Cecil Raikes, Postmaster-General, and Sir F. Dillon Bell. It was decided to leave the detail of the proposed scheme to the delegation of Mr. Henricker Heaton, who called in and stated his views on the subject at length. In this connection, he declared that the Australian Colonies were paying too large a portion of the existing subsidy, and England not enough. Mr. Henricker Heaton was first requested, and agreed, to submit a memorandum in writing with practical proposals on the subject. Sir A. Campbell, Postmaster-General of Canada, was present, and explained in detail the proposals of the Canadian Government for the establishment of a Pacific service to the colonies.

London, April 22.—At the Imperial Conference, the question of the establishment of an Imperial penny postage as concurred with the views of Mr. Henricker Heaton. The Australian delegates expressed a hope that the Government would consider their decision.

London, April 22.—At the Imperial Conference, to-day, Mr. Edward Stanhope, Secretary for War, in accordance with the announcement previously telegraphed, submitted in detail the proposals for the defence of the coasting stations of the Empire. The estimated expenditure amounted to £1,500,000, exclusive of any outlay on account of the new fortifications.

London, April 23.—The Australian delegates, following the lead of the delegation of Mr. Henricker Heaton, who had submitted his scheme to the Conference, together with several delegates from both parts, voted in favour of the plan of Mr. Henricker Heaton, who called in and stated his views on the subject at length. In this connection, he declared that the Australian Colonies were paying too large a portion of the existing subsidy, and England not enough. Mr. Henricker Heaton was first requested, and agreed, to submit a memorandum in writing with practical proposals on the subject. Sir A. Campbell, Postmaster-General of Canada, was present, and explained in detail the proposals of the Canadian Government for the establishment of a Pacific service to the colonies.

London, April 23.—The Imperial Conference resumed its sittings to-day. Sir F. Dillon Bell agreed that the proposed Canadian Pacific mail service would not receive the support of the commercial community. He considered that the Imperial policy should be opposed to any course of action tending to weaken the present cable companies. The other delegates regard the attitude of Sir Henry Parkes in reference to the defences of Australia as a slight to the New South Wales delegates. In replying to Mr. Donkin, Mr. Stanhope, Secretary for War, stated that it had not been fully decided whether the colonies should be left to their own resources, or whether the Imperial Government was prepared to bear the cost of providing fortifications at Albany and Thursday Island. This announcement left an impression on the minds of the Australian representatives that a vote for the purpose would be placed upon next year's estimates. The delegates remitted to the Prince of Wales, which were shown to the late Colonial and Indian Exhibition, will be successfully floated.

REPROVED WORKING OF THE CZAR.

London, April 23.—It is reported that the attempt on the life of the Czar, on the 29th March resulted in his Majesty being wounded in the arm.

INVESTMENT OF TRUST FUNDS IN COLONIAL STOCKS.

London, April 23.—The Economist favours the project for allowing trustees to invest trust funds in colonial stocks.

THE ISLAND OF COMORO.

London, April 23.—A French Resident has been installed in the Island of Comoro, of the east coast of Africa.

THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

London, April 23.—Advices from Honolulu state that the proposed political federation between Samoa and the King of Hawaii has been ratified.

THE ELECTIONS IN SWEDEN.

London, April 23.—The elections to the Swedish Diet have resulted in a complete free-trade victory.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

London, April 23.—Twenty-two tenders have been received for the supply of locomotives for the New South Wales railroads. Two of the tenders were from American firms, three from the Continent, and 17 were from English firms. The English tenders are the lowest in amount.

THE DUE OF DEFENSIVE.

London, April 20.—The Duke of Devonshire has recovered from his recent illness.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR COLONIAL DELEGATES.

London, April 20.—The honours of knighthood recently bestowed upon some of the colonial delegates to the Imperial Conference have been gazetted.

THE FISHERIES DISPUTE.

London, April 21.—Canada has offered to revert to the conditions of the Treaty of Washington for the 1st fishery season on condition that a mixed commission be appointed to inquire into the whole question of the fishery between Canada and the United States.

THE DUE OF DEFENSIVE.

London, April 21.—Lord Charles Balfour will probably be appointed president of the select committee to inquire into the question of life-saving apparatus on vessels at sea.

PEPSON SPRING MEETING.

London, April 21.—The City and Suburban Handicap was run to-day at the Epsom Spring Meeting, with the following result:—

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THE MOUNT MORGAN WEST MINE.

London, April 21.—Two petitions have been lodged for winding up the Mount Morgan West Mine, Queensland. The shareholders have appointed a committee of inquiry.

A RUSSIAN LOAN.

London, April 21.—A Russian internal loan has been issued for a sum of 100 million roubles, at an equivalent of 34 per cent.

THE BRITISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

London, April 21.—Great alarm was caused in the Island of Jersey, one of the Channel Islands, yesterday, by a severe shock of earthquake, which was accompanied by an undulatory motion and a loud rumbling noise. No damage was done to property, and no loss of life is reported.

The conference met again this afternoon, when the position of affairs at Samoa was the subject of discussion. Sir F. Dillon Bell's proposals met with general approval. Sir Henry Holland expressed the hope that a joint agreement would be come to by England, Germany, and the United States for the administration of the government of the Islands. The question will be referred to the international conference to be held at Washington.

London, April 21.—The Imperial Conference resumed its sitting to-day. It was announced that England will replace any of the Australian auxiliary fleet that may be lost.

The Admiralty will supply the fleet immediately the colonial Parliaments shall have assented to the proposals of the Imperial Government.

Sir Henry Holland stated that the frequent changes of Government in France had delayed the parleying with respect to the proposed scheme of control.

France had accepted the principle of a naval commission of control in the group to protect the traders and missionaries.

Either country is authorized to land marines to punish any tribe, but the garrisons now in the group must evacuate it.

Sir B. Widowson said that there was a

feeling in New South Wales that France

should not be allowed to possess the New

Hebrides.

Mr. James Service reviewed the history of the parleying that had taken place between the Imperial and colonial Governments on the subject.

Sir J. W. Dwyer approved of the attitude adopted by Victoria, though he formerly thought it was too strong.

Sir F. Salisbury delivered a very discouraging speech on the New Hebrides question, showing that he did not appreciate the Australian policy. The action of the colonial Government had rendered England in the position of France.

Lord Randolph Churchill complained that no effective economy will be secured by the Government.

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